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BUENOS AIRES CARACAS FROM SECSTATE 13 MAR 73 REPEATED TO YOU
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TAGS: PFOR, CPAS, CVIS, LY

SUBJECT: LIBYAN PASSPORT PROBLEM

REF: TRIPOLI 257, 248, 276 (NOTAL)

1. DEPT HAS CONSIDERED CAREFULLY EMBASSY' S COMMENTS AND
RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED REFTELS. ALTHOUGH WE APPRECIATE
THEIR COGENCY, WE ARE RELUCTANT TO GIVE UP COMPLETELY THE
WEAPON OF CONTROL OVER STUDENT VISAS WHICH, JUDGING FROM
KIKHYA' S REACTION, IS THE MOST POTENT LEVER WE HAVE. WE
BELIEVE THERE IS A MORE OR LESS CONTINUAL STREAM OF LIBYAN
STUDENT VISA APPLICATIONS DURING THE YEAR BECAUSE OF THE
ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING MOST STUDENTS TAKE PRIOR TO
ACADEMIC STUDIES. THUS, WERE ISSUANCE OF STUDENT VISAS
TO CEASE AT ANY PARTICULAR TIME, PRESSURE OF NEW VISA
APPLICATIONS WOULD BUILD UP AGAIN SOON.

2. TAKING ABOVE INTO CONSIDERATION, CERTAIN ADVISORY
OPINIONS PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED ARE APPROVED. YOU ARE
AUTHORIZED TO START ISSUING VISAS TO PERSONS WHO ARE TO
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START ACADEMIC STUDY OR TRAINING IN THE US, WHO APPLIED FOR VISAS PRIOR TO MARCH FIRST, PLUS THEIR DEPENDENTS. ISSUANCE OF THESE VISAS SHOULD BE DONE MORE OR LESS AT RANDOM, NOT NECESSARILY IN THE ORDER IN WHICH THE APPLICATIONS WERE RECEIVED, AND SHOULD BE STRETCHED OUT OVER A TWO OR THREE WEEK PERIOD. THE ISSUANCE OF THESE VISAS SHOULD NOT BE ACCOMPANIED BY ANY EXPLANATION OR DEMARCHE TO THE LARG SINCE WE DO NOT WISH APPEAR TO BE RESPONSIVE TO IMPLIED LARG THREATS. WE EXPECT THE WORD OF ISSUANCE WILL REACH KIKHYA QUICKLY ENOUGH. IF ASKED, YOU CAN STATE THAT " ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES" HERE HAVE BEEN COMPLETED ON SPECIFIC APPLICATIONS. DEPT WILL REVIEW STUDENT VISA SITUATION AGAIN IN A FEW WEEKS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE APPLIED SINCE MARCH FIRST, IN THE LIGHT OF SUBSEQUENT LARG ACTIONS, IF ANY, AND CONDITIONS BY THAT TIME.

3. REGARDING VISA APPLICANTS IN OTHER CATEGORIES, DEPT'S VIEW IS TO FOLLOW LARG'S OWN CRITERIA STRICTLY-- THAT IS, TO APPROVE ADVISORY OPINION ONLY FOR THOSE LIBYANS WHOSE ENTRY INTO US IS CLEARLY IN US INTERESTS. THE EMBASSY IS THEREFORE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE VISAS TO VISITORS WHO CAN BE CONSIDERED INVITED BY THE USG, SUCH AS RECIPIENTS OF LEADER GRANTS, AND IN EXCEPTIONAL CASES FOR A LIMITED NUMBER OF BUSINESSMEN WHOSE TRAVEL TO US IN THE EMBASSY'S OPINION IS CLEARLY IN US INTERESTS. EXCEPTIONAL CASES WE HAVE IN MIND WOULD BE BUSINESS TRAVEL, THE ABSENCE OF WHICH WOULD CLEARLY RESULT IN THE LOSS OF A SIGNIFICANT CONTRACT OR BUSINESS FOR A US FIRM OR THE INABILITY OF A US FIRM TO FULFILL AN EXISTING CONTRACT IN LIBYA AND RECEIVE PAYMENT. EMBASSY MAY REFER DOUBTFUL CASES TO DEPT FOR OPINION AND CONFIRMATION OF INFORMATION IF NECESSARY WITH US BUSINESS FIRM.

4. NOTHING ABOVE AFFECTS THE BOULDER REQUIREMENT, WHICH MUST STILL BE MET.

5. AS RECOMMENDED PARA 5 TRIPOLI 276, DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP UNDER REVIEW REQUESTS FOR ADVISORY OPINIONS FOR THOSE CATEGORIES OF US TRAVELERS AGAINST WHOM LARG CONTINUES TO DISCRIMINATE I. E., NEARLY ALL
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OFFICIAL TRAVELERS AND TOURISTS.

6. FOR ROME, LONDON, BUENOS AIRES. IN RESPONSE TO YOUR REQUESTS FOR ADVISORY OPINION, YOU SHOULD ISSUE VISAS TO LIBYANS WHO HAVE APPLIED AND WHO ARE OTHERWISE QUALIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GUIDELINES PARA 2,3, AND 4 ABOVE. IN CASE OF DOUBT REGARDING SPECIFIC APPLICANTS, REFER CASE TOGETHER WITH PERTINENT INFORMATION BY TELEGRAM TO THE DEPARTMENT, INFO TRIPOLI, FOR OPINION.

7. FOR CARACAS. YOU SHOULD NOT, RPT NOT, ISSUE VISA TO LIBYAN COURIER BIN KURA UNTIL FURTHER NOTIFIED. ROGES UNQUOTE ROGERS

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